



## Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

Murdock Administration Building, 18500 Murdock Circle,  
Building B, Room B-106, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>District:</u>
Coty Keller, Chair .....	District 4
Don McCormick, Vice-Chair .....	District 2
Ellen Decker.....	District 3
Patrick Jurek.....	District 1
Wendy Lang.....	District 5
Jeff Anlauf.....	Member-at-Large
Ed Hill.....	Member-at-Large

### MINUTES

**December 3, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order:

**Don McCormick** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

**Don McCormick** asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Upon Secretary Bennett calling the roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.  
Mr. Keller and Ed Hill were absent

4. Approval of Minutes

- Approve the Minutes from November 5, 2020

A motion was made by Pat Jurek - minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

None offered.

7. New Business

None Offered.

8. Old Business:

- Claire Jubb, Assistant County Administrator
  - Water Quality Manager
  - SW Resiliency Compact update

**Claire Jubb, Assistant County Administrator** provided a written report.

- Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc.
  - Manasota Key Beach Restoration Project
  - South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment
  - Stump Pass navigation channel project
  - Mitigation reef

**Matt Logan, Public Works** spoke because Mike Poff was not present.

- Manasota Key Beach Restoration Project

**Mr. Logan** said for the Manasota Key Beach a survey has been preformed of the beaches of the entire construction area, they also went out and did Stump Pass. The field work has been completed last week and are awaiting the results. We have seen so far looks like the sand that appears to have been lost on the beach has moved out into the tow of the fill. The sand is still in the system. Still early, not sure if this is going to be the case for the entire system but it does look like we didn't lose much sand as some residents feared. **Susie Derheimer** was out on Manasota Key during low tide and stated that it looked really good. **Patrick Jurek**, asked how were the beaches where the people didn't have the sand bar? **Ms. Derheimer** answered they were in the area of the north end and was able to look out the balcony there and noticed the width wasn't as wide as it has been. However, there was beach and it looked good. **Mr. Logan** asked are you talking about the gap area? When he performed his walk through it did look like they lost a little bit of sand, but that sand is in the system. It's going to be moving up into the other coast. Through the winter we should see some of that come back. **Mr. McCormick** asked how far along is the hardbottom replacement? **Mr. Logan** answered due to some delays because of weather, they will be working through the winter months. Last week a total of 12 transects were ran, the data looks to be positive. A final calculation hasn't been performed, but we are looking somewhere to 40% complete. They are anticipating that they will be out there until the beginning of March, this is very weather dependent.

- South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment

**Mr. Logan** stated we have been monitoring South Beach, Knight and Don Pedro Island. They did look like they had a little bit of over wash in a couple of areas, that had some damage done. During this most recent project we had to re-construct 3 dune systems on the island. All of them except one, seem to have held very well. Only one of them looks like the wave action, the most seaward, looks like the wave action ate away at about half of his dune system. Still protected, but hopefully some sand will come back and what is existing will trap some sand in that will hold. We are monitoring and are looking at the entire construction area in this post storm survey. Sarasota county all the way down to Don Pedro-Knight Island, we will have more information by the next meeting.

- Stump Pass navigation channel project

**Mr. Logan** stated they just did the post storm survey, once he gets that information back, they should have a clearer picture of how much material is in there. We are gearing up to start working on that project and aiming for construction for the beginning of fiscal year of 2022, which is November.

- **Parks and Natural Resources – Susie Derheimer**

- **Sea Turtles, Shore Birds and Sea Birds**

**Susie Derheimer, Natural Resources**, said they are currently busy with working on Education. They are putting bags together. We've increased permit requirements, we are required to do a mail-in to Don Padro-Knight Island and Palm Island, to remind them of the up coming season. We have increased our mailing to include Manasota Key, LGI and Boca which is another 2,000 mail-ins that we are going to do. We've increased our footing guide distribution by calling condos resorts that weren't on our list for distribution to see if they were getting it through the realtors. If not, they are increasing them into their distribution. They have been out on the beach to see what the beach is doing during the winter. They were able to get out to Manasota Key. They haven't been on Palm Island or Don Pedro-Knight Island.

- **Derelict/Abandon Vessels**

**Roger DeBruler, Natural Resources**, stated that he has the standing report and if they have any questions about it, he'd be happy to answer. **Jeff Anlauf, Member at Large**, inquired on the vessel that is in the Manchester Waterway, "Candy Bar", removal schedule? **Mr. DeBruler** answered it depends on how the officer and the owner work together. **Mr. Anlauf** asked how long do they have until some action occurs? **Mr. DeBruler** answered it all depends on each case. The state, since COVID-19 issue occurred, they have been floating between 45-60 days. It also is based if the person is in-state, local or out of state. **Mr. Anlauf** stated that this has been going on well passed the 60 days and asked if this is an unusual case? **Mr. DeBruler** stated it is sunk at this point of time. The authorities are aware of the location of the boat and the removal is now based on the workings between the officer and the owner of the vessel. There was some discussion about how the "Pilgrim" is ready for removal, once the letter of notice for removal is completed. **Ellen Decker, District II**, stated she heard there is a budget cut on Derelict Vessels, is that causing any delays on the budget problem? **Mr. DeBruler** answered no, it is not. Our local budget comes from the Boater Improvement Funds, which is approved by the MAC committee. We also have been using WCIND, to help us remove the bigger boats. **Mr. McCormick** stated that there is a 6 month or more boat out there and we really don't know what to do about it. He then asked as our committee, what should we be doing about it? There was some discussion of the process that Roger goes through and information on how the officers go about removing the boat. **Mr. Anlauf** asked does the county have a written policy on derelict and abandoned boats? **Mr. DeBruler** answered yes and that a copy can be given. **Damian Ochar** asked if this group could bring in an officer to have them explain their timeline and their procedure process, for better understanding of who is responsible for making this time frame.

**Mr. McCormick** suggested to make a motion to contact the Sherriff's department regarding the matter.

**Pat Jurek, District I**, makes a motion to contact Charlotte County Sherriff's department to get an officer in here to explain what the procedure is on boat removal when they are abandoned or derelict. **Mr. Anlauf**, Second the motion. Wendy Lang, District V, confirmed with Mr. DeBruler.

**Mr. Jurek** adjust the motion to include the FWC. Unanimous vote, to move forward.

**Mr. Anlauf** asked when will that boat be removed? **Mr. DeBruler** answered he cannot say. He then goes on explaining the process that the officer tries to work with the owner. The owner gets a citation and he has 30 days before he has to go to court. There was further discussion on the process. **Mr. Ochar** mentioned that there should be a history of how many times the boat has been moved and submerged. **Mr. DeBruler** explains there is a history stored in the database. Unless the officer request it and it gives it to the Attorney General for the court case, there not going to see the history. **Ms. Decker** added that she is the guardian at line for the 20<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court. She mentioned as they are getting more computerized, she's noticing that the Judge is able to see some back history and that the Attorneys are bringing forth some history. She states that this process does move quickly and that some things can get lost in the shuffle. Also, all of this is very expensive. With the court cost involved, the Judge has to be paid, the Attorneys need to be paid, etc. She explains it's better if you can just have the officer work with the owner like they are doing. She agrees with Mr. Ochar on helping us to be more transparent with citizens. She then gives suggestions for ways to get the information out to the public. One way could be to put an article in the newspaper and giving some literature with information to the Homeowners Associations. Mr. McCormick states the ground has been covered and thinks maybe down the line we should let our Commissioner's know that our Homeowners groups are upset about the length of time that it's taking. That the suggested remedy is to work with our state Legislatures to tighten up the law.

9. Correspondence and Communication

None.

10. Public Comments

**Damian Ochar, SMSKA** commented on the Manasota Key, that there seems to be 2 hot spots that seem to be developing. One is around the Tamarind Complex and just north of the state park around Wanna-B-Inn. There seems to be a developing hot spot. Are hotspots being taken care of by the maintenance or the project? **Mr. Logan** monitoring was being covered under our annual engineering contract. For the length of this project, we are going to be monitoring Manasota Key. What that monitoring tells us is when the next re-nourishment cycle is coming up, when we need to plan the next project. Short of there being a catastrophic event that would warrant us coming in and doing some kind of protection. We've had hot spots develop under 3 homes that are most seaward on Don Pedro, they are going to be put at risk ahead of the homes that set further back. Every year the do a check to ensure that there adequately prevented. Engineering wise, there is an elevation, a length of beach, a slope to the beach, all of these things come into play, to say whether or not they are protected from the storm. All of this is being done behind the scenes where Coastal Engineering takes their calculation to figure out what we need to have in place for storm safety. Our permit for Knight Island, has allowed for us to do a sand sharing project. It's very costly to do a sand sharing project and the benefits of doing it would have to out weigh the cost. Ultimately, the residents would have to pay for that particular project, the MSBU and the taxpayers would have to pay for any kind of project we do. Short of it being a main storm significant loses FEMA steps in and we would meet that thresh hold. A lot of people may not understand, that when a storm comes by and we have some sand loss. That's apparent, but you have to meet a thresh hold with FEMA, there has to be a certain amount of beach damage. There has to be a total monitory value, along with some other rules. That you have to meet in order for FEMA funding to come in. When you look at these hot spots, you may have an area that has a higher erosion. The long-term monitoring of these hot spots is going to tell you similar to stump pass. That this particular point on the beach is historically a hot spot with high erosion rates. As we continue to monitor, we'll be able to identify these. This can not be done after a single event or a single year, you've got to monitor it for a while. What you usually see is that after a storm an area will appear to be hit harder then it will rebound as well as the rest of the beach. This is that sand wave that Michael always talked about, now we have the sand in the system. Short answer is yes, we are going to monitor it. Convolutated answer is we are monitoring it, that's the engineering contract. Construction projects would have to be budgeted in the plan, and restoration of hot spots areas are not currently covered under the construction component. Until we put together a project, because of

the cost associated with that. **Mr. Ochar** explains his reasoning for the question, which is he has a lot of tax paying residents asking him about the rebate of the additional unused funds. They do not want another assessment. They want the credit or use it for another project. He then mentions about a savings in mobilization cost, and people want to know when are they getting that back into their pocket? He has spoken with County Administration and is not happy with the response. **Mr. Logan** replied he doesn't know the answer to that. I will talk to our Finance Department.

**Mr. Ochar** is still working on trying to hire a surveyor. They are trying to get an establishment on the beaches as to what is private vs. public. As an association, they are going to attack that and hire a surveyor. That way they can have some mark or demarcation on the beach, so owners know and the public knows what is private and what is public.

**Mr. McCormick** addresses the refund that Mr. Ochar was speaking about and stated that the finance department needs to provide a break down of the expenses. He also states that sometime down the road, the finance department might have to make a presentation on the project.

**Ms. Decker** informed the committee about the Legislative Delegation Meeting, that will have State Senator Ben Albritton and Joe Gruters and our representative Michael Grant will be there. This meeting allows people to speak up about what they want. She mentions that we should inch up our impact fees. She understands that it brings in business to have lower impact fees than other counties, but there's also a prestige value.

**Ms. Lang** mentions to bring this up at the next meeting to have someone from the financial team to come in and speak about financials about the project. For it to be put on the next agenda.

**Mr. McCormick** states that they are going to be reaching out to the finance team, the Sheriff's department and FWC to discuss the issues.

**Jeff Anlauf, Member at Large**, asked Mr. Logan what is the status of the dredging on the Manchester water way? **Mr. Logan** answered it is wrapping up. The only information that he really has on it, is that it is wrapping up and doing their final punch outs. **Mr. Anlauf** mentioned that last month the Manchester Waterway Civic Association presented to this committee a proposal to test the waters in Charlotte County in joint with the County. At that time, there was no quorum to take any action on that. He's now asking the committee to propose a recommendation to the Commissioners that we begin this. He asks this committee to consider any recommendations that they look at and adopt this proposal. **Ms. Decker** asked are they wanting to do this through the Mid county stormwater benchmark company? Like they are doing with other stormwater. She's concerned if so, she wouldn't want anything to be taken away from Lemon Bay. Lemon Bay really needs it there, because there is still some sceptics. **Mr. Anlauf** states what they are proposing is something that is privately funded by his association. They are asking the County to come on board and provide the funds to further the study and to expand the study of the waterways in Charlotte County. He states that this is separate from the storm water situation. We were looking at funding it through the Mid-County storm water. **Mr. Logan** states that the County is still looking into this and working on it up the chain. **Mr. Logan** confirms that discussions are being had regarding the matter.

**Mr. McCormick** states there is a motion to ask for support for the efforts that were presented, and we endorse the County Commissioner's representative.

**Mr. Jurek** made a motion to ask the County Commissioners to support the efforts to test the waters and use the stormwater funds, Seconded by **Ms. Lang**, with a unanimous vote.

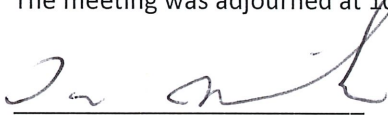
11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants  
None.

12. Member Comments  
None.

14. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

15. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Coty Keller', is written over a horizontal line.

Coty Keller, Chair